

The Honorable Benjamin H. Settle

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

JEFFREY REICHERT and GARY MOYER,
both individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KEEFE COMMISSARY NETWORK, L.L.C.
d/b/a ACCESS CORRECTIONS; RAPID
INVESTMENTS, INC., d/b/a RAPID
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, d/b/a ACCESS
FREEDOM; and CACHE VALLEY BANK,

Defendants.

NO. 3:17-cv-05848-BHS

ORDER APPROVING CLASS
COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION
FOR *CY PRES* AWARDS

**Note on Motion Calendar:
August 1, 2024**

1. Plaintiff has brought a motion presenting class counsel's recommendation for distribution of funds remaining in the settlement fund created by the settlement between the national certified class and Defendants Rapid Financial Solutions and Cache Valley Bank. Counsel recommends the amount remaining in the settlement fund for distribution as *cy pres* be shared equally between Human Rights Defense Center ("HRDC") and Public Justice Foundation ("Public Justice").

2. The Court has reviewed the submission from class counsel regarding its rationale and basis for recommending these distributions. The Court has also reviewed the submissions from HRDC, attached as *Exhibits 1* and *2* to the Declaration of Chris R.

1 Youtz, and the submissions from Public Justice, attached as *Exhibits 3 and 4* to that
2 declaration.

3 3. The Court finds that the proposed *cy pres* awards to HRDC and Public
4 Justice are appropriate. There is an appropriate nexus between the work and advocacy
5 performed by these organizations to the central issues in this litigation, including
6 contesting profiteering operations by private companies that take advantage of inmates
7 and their families. The Court finds that awarding these funds to HRDC and Public
8 Justice will benefit members of the national class in this action.

9 4. The claims administrator is directed to transfer \$2.5 million from the
10 settlement fund to Human Rights Defense Center in accordance with instructions to be
11 provided by class counsel.

12 5. The claims administrator is directed to transfer \$2.5 million from the
13 settlement fund to Public Justice Foundation in accordance with instructions to be
14 provided by class counsel.

15 6. HRDC and Public Justice will equally divide any additional money
16 remaining after the settlement fund pays its remaining expenses and the account is
17 closed. The claims administrator and/or class counsel are authorized to make that
18 distribution.

19 DATED this 1st day of August, 2024.

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23 BENJAMIN H. SETTLE
24 United States District Judge

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